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In re Application of:

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AUTOMATIC RAMAN GAIN CONTROL)

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TO THE ATTENTION OF: Tu T Nguyen

In reviewing the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 we observe that both of claims 1 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph as containing subject matter not described in the specification as noted on page 1 of the Office Action. However, the limitation referred to is not present in claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that this objection be clarified as soon as possible in view of the upcoming response deadline by fax at 613-233-7941 or by phone at 613-233-5684 (contact person: Andrew Sojonky)

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